

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 179, 185 and 251-291 were pending in the Application. Claims 179 and 185 were cancelled. Claims 284 and 291 were amended for typographical errors. Claims 251-277 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 278-291 are now pending in the application.

DETAILED ACTION

Election

The comments of the Examiner are acknowledged.

Claim Rejections – USC § 102

The comments of the Examiner are acknowledged.

Claims 179 and 185 were rejected under 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakatomi (5,674,025).

Applicants have cancelled claims 179 and 185.

Double Patenting

The comments of the Examiner are acknowledged.

Allowable Subject Matter

A Terminal disclaimer is being attached.

Claims 278 and 285 are in independent form and include all the limitations of the election. Claims 279-284 and 286-291 depend from claims 278 and 285, respectively, directly or indirectly.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests their allowance.

Conclusion

The comments of the Examiner are acknowledged.